

REMARKS

This Letter is being filed in response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2006. Claims 21-40 were pending in the application. In the Office Action, claims 21-40 were rejected. Claims 21-40 remain for consideration.

Applicant submits that claims 21-40 are in condition for allowance and requests withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

In the Specification

This application claims priority to earlier-filed U.S. Patent App. No. 29/179,069, filed July 21, 2003, now U.S. Pat. No. D490,742.

The specification has been amended accordingly.

§§ 102 and 103 Rejections

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable over Namdar (USPN D499,981).

Claims 22-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Namdar (USPN D499,981) in view of Kejejian (USPN 6,449,985).

Claims 38-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Namdar (USPN D499,981) in view of Kejejian (USPN 6,449,985), and further in view of Grossbard (USPN 4,555,916).

As stated above, this application claims priority to an earlier-filed application (U.S. Patent App. No. 29/179,069, filed July 21, 2003, now U.S. Pat. No. D490,742). The Namdar reference cited by the Examiner has a filing date September 4, 2003. This date is after the filing date of Applicant's July 21, 2003 application. Applicant therefore believes

that Namdar is not a prior art reference as to Claims 21-40 and requests that the above §§102 and 103 rejections be removed.

Applicant therefore believes that Claim 21 is patentable over Namdar, Kejejian and Grossbard and is allowable.

Claims 22-40 depend on claim 21. Since claim 21 is believed to be patentable over Namdar, Kejejian and Grossbard, claims 22-40 are believed to be patentable over Namdar, Kejejian and Grossbard on the basis of their dependency on claim 21.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

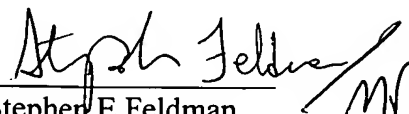
Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 06-0515.

Respectfully submitted,
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